IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please, amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-31 without prejudice.

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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the present application.

Claims 2-31 have been canceled solely to reduce the number of pending claims. A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment will be filed prior to examination of the above-identified application.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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